
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CELEBRATE THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANIKAI BIKEWAY AND RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS OF TED RODGERS AND CYNTHIA THIELEN WHO LED THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH IT.

1 WHEREAS, the Lanikai Bikeway officially opened on July 1,
2 1972, after months of organizing by the Lanikai Association and
3 residents like Ted Rodgers and Cynthia Thielen for safer
4 roadways; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Lanikai Bikeway was created in response to a
7 near-fatal incident when the tire of student Linda Bell's
8 bicycle hit a rock, which caused her to fall into the roadway;
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11 WHEREAS, immediately after her fall, an oncoming vehicle
12 came within inches of colliding with Bell's head; and

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14 WHEREAS, at the time of Bell's incident, two-way vehicle
15 traffic along Lanikai's narrow roadways left inadequate space
16 for the growing number of bikers in the area; and

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18 WHEREAS, a survey conducted by Cynthia Thielen and other
19 parents in the community counted that approximately six hundred
20 bicycles were in use in Lanikai and most of Lanikai's bicycle
21 riders were children; and

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23 WHEREAS, Cynthia Thielen was among a group of concerned
24 parents that proposed a dedicated bikeway and new traffic
25 configuration in Lanikai after Bell's incident; and

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27 WHEREAS, plans for establishing a one-way traffic loop and
28 bikeway along Aalapapa Drive and Mokulua Drive received
29 widespread approval from the Lanikai community and was the first
30 traffic configuration of its kind on the island of Oahu; and
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1 WHEREAS, with the support of the Lanikai Association and
2 its president, Ted Rodgers, a petition with signatures from two-
3 hundred and sixty-two families was successfully submitted to the
4 City and County of Honolulu and plans to build the Lanikai
5 Bikeway and establish the new traffic configuration were
6 approved; and
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8 WHEREAS, as a direct result of Cynthia Thielen's advocacy
9 and Ted Rodger's leadership, the Lanikai Bikeway increased safe
10 bike transportation in Kailua, with an expansion to the bikeway
11 built in 1995; and
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13 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor Ted Rodgers and Cynthia
14 Thielen as leaders of distinction who unified the Lanikai
15 community; and
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17 WHEREAS, an official recognition of Ted Rodgers' and
18 Cynthia Thielen's leadership in advocating for the Lanikai
19 Bikeway will serve as a permanent reminder of their tangible
20 contributions to protecting the community; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
24 that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to celebrate the
25 fiftieth anniversary of the Lanikai Bikeway and recognize the
26 efforts of Ted Rodgers and Cynthia Thielen who led the efforts
27 to establish it; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
31 Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, and President of
32 the Lanikai Association.

